

## WESTFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2/18/04

Present: Jane Hinckley, Sally Bennedict, Ken Tebbetts, Bob Oliphant, Stacey Perron

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

### Open Forum-

There will be a Planning Board meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> re: a new subdivision off of Coolidge Ave.

Jane obtained pricing for banners for the 275<sup>th</sup>, and gave the information to Ken to bring to that committee. She is also looking into pricing for the Hood blimp.

There is a restoration/renovation conference April 21-24, at the Hynes Convention Center. Jane and Ken plan to attend.

### Secretary's Report-

Bob moved to accept the minutes of Jan. 21, 04 with Jane seconding. It was noted that the word "popper" in the fifth paragraph be changed to "proper". The vote was unanimous.

Jane moved to accept the minutes of Jan. 25, 04 with Bob seconding. The vote was unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report-

The YTD appears OK, but we'll have to keep watching the category of "electrical". The \$2,500 donation from the Whittlesey's will be credited to "contracted services" in our budget.

### Preservation Plan-

Stacey obtained copies of maps of each historic district, and one of the whole town with pertinent sites, to be included in the plan.

Some corrections were noted- the key each district map reads “Proposed District” and should read “Historic District”.

On the map of the whole town we would like the key to read-

National Register of Historic Places Sites-

Graniteville Historic District

Forge Village Historic District

Westford Center Historic District

Brookside Historic District

Parker Village Historic District

We would like the box indicating a cemetery to be a different color, and the box indicating an individual home outside of a district to be another different color.

Stacey will take these changes and suggestions to John Diniz, the GIS coordinator.

### Demolition Delay-

No new applications were filed.

There will be a ZBA meeting tonight re : the condo project at 137 Concord Rd.

### National register-

Nothing new to report.

275<sup>th</sup>-

Donna Powell will be invited to discuss the educational projects that will be happening in our schools for the coming year. The people making the commemorative video will also be invited to make a presentation to us.

### New Business-

Charlie McCullough is writing a letter to the Cons Com questioning the correct name of the pond noted on the plaque on Tadmuck Rd. It reads “MysteryPond”, but family legend calls it ‘Mysterious Pond’. It is supposed to be called Mysterious Pond on a map from 1875.

Jane mentioned that she would like a sign noting the location of the Town Pound. This is believed to have been located next to the Hildreth House, on Boston Rd.

Ken asked her to write up her documentation to bring to the next meeting.

The pipes in the cottage cellar have been wrapped with heat tape, and increasing the heat in the cottage when not in use to 65, has alleviate any further problems with frozen pipes, etc. Marilyn is looking into re-routing the alarm system in the museum, which would then allow the bathroom door to be kept open. The heat from the building would then help with the frozen pipe problem the Museum has experienced. No further action needs to be taken at this time.

Thanks to Roberta for copying the National Register section of the preservation plan that Bob has put together.

This winter's book discussion group- on the memoirs of various people, is going well. 21 people were in attendance last night.

The meting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey M. Perron-Secretary